

I. Claims 1-8, drawn to a composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable gel containing an antimicrobial agent, classified in class 424, subclass 404; and

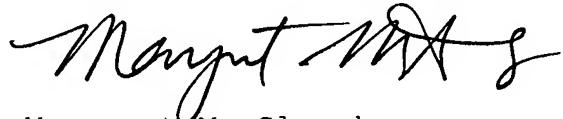
II. Claims 9-10, drawn to a locking agent that is comprised of a thixotropic gel or a colloidal dispersion, classified in class 424, subclass 455.

In response, Applicant hereby elects, without prejudice, to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-8, drawn to a composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable gel containing an antimicrobial agent and classified in class 424, subclass 404.

Applicant expressly reserves the right to prosecute all non-elected subject matter in related applications.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



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